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COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

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Mr. Robert M. Gates  
Acting Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

As Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, I respectfully request your assistance regarding information about the CIA's Office of Inspector General. This information will be of assistance to the Committee's general review of the various inspector general offices currently established throughout the government, and potential legislation in this area.

If possible, I would appreciate receiving your written response to the following inquiries by close of business Tuesday, February 17, 1987.

1. Please describe the operation of the CIA's office of inspector general, and if possible, compare the CIA Inspector General's functions, responsibilities, authority and independence with those prescribed for inspectors general by the 1978 Inspector General Act (Pub. Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.). I am particularly interested in the following items:

- a. The mandate and structure of the CIA IG office;
- b. The title of the person(s) with authority to appoint and/or remove the IG;
- c. The titles of the persons with supervisory authority, and the reporting relationships the IG has with any other individuals in the Agency;
- d. The type of personnel who staff the office;
- e. The limitations, if any, on the scope of the audits and investigations initiated by the IG (including covert programs). Please state whether any Agency official may preclude or halt such a review, and if so, the possible circumstances under which such action might occur and the number of times this has occurred to date;

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f. The reporting to Congress on the results of IG inspections.

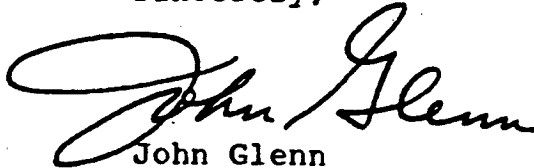
2. Please comment on the utility of or need for establishing a statutory Office of Inspector General within the Agency.

3. Please describe the procedures utilized by the Inspector General to handle possible malfeasance by Agency personnel (such as theft, embezzlement, or violation of a governing Executive Order involving covert as well as other Agency activities), and a description of the process by which potential criminal matters are referred to the Department of Justice.

4. Please describe the Agency's policy with regard to the General Accounting Office's ability to audit Agency programs and accounts, including expenditures for unusually sensitive or covert activities.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these matters, please contact Stephen Ryan, Counsel to the Committee (224-4751).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Glenn". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Glenn  
Chairman